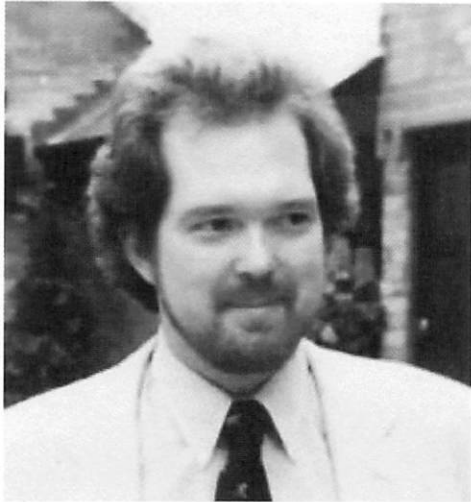


## Peter Lyon Dudensing, 60



Peter Lyon Dudensing died peacefully at home in Plymouth on Nov. 23.

Born in 1957 to Peggy and Patrick Dudensing, Peter was raised in Duxbury. He graduated from St. Paul's School, Longy School of Music and Marlboro College. After receiving his masters in music education from the University of New Hampshire in 1981, Peter accepted a teaching position at the American International School in Surrey, England, and moved there to teach. There, he met his wife Nicola McCaffrey from England, who also worked at the school and they settled in Addlestone. Soon after, their twin boys Chris and Dan were born, followed a few years later by their daughter Lauren. Peter returned with his family in 1988 to Massachusetts and taught for over 20 years at Cushing Academy, summering on Gurnet Road in Duxbury. After retiring from teaching he moved full time to his house on the marsh, where he continued teaching music privately, participating in Duxbury's First Parish Church music programs, tending his garden and ducks, and enjoying beautiful sunsets.

Peter moved to his apartment on North Street in Plymouth following his divorce in 2010. He lived there until he died, with his eclectic collection of records, paintings, ship models, books and maps, family memorabilia, his partner Susan Gelotte, and notably, no television. Much to the irritation, and reluctant respect, of friends and family, he never owned a cellphone.

His life was shaped by his passion for music, his dedication to teaching, his love of Duxbury, and his loyalty to the Red Sox. He had an extensive knowledge of local history, with a particular affinity for the Mayflower II, which was launched in 1957, the year he was born. He made a final trip to Mystic Seaport in September to visit the ship's rebuilding, to wish her well and say goodbye. He stayed involved with church music programs at the Unitarian Church in Plymouth and taught music lessons at the Middle Street School of Music until the very end. Peter was kind to friends and strangers alike, honest, intellectually curious yet tolerant, impassioned yet patient, always ready for a good laugh or heartfelt advice and, above all, a good man.

He is survived by his son Chris and wife Angela of Hollis, Maine, his son Dan of Burlington, Vt., his daughter Lauren and her husband Michael Halloran of San Francisco, his sister DD Allen of New York City and Duxbury, his sister Ellen Strickland of Santa Barbara, Calif., his sister Elizabeth Udell of Santa Barbara, Calif., his partner Susan Gelotte of Plymouth, and many friends and students throughout New England.

A service to remember Peter will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the First Parish Church in Duxbury at 1 p.m.